

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 832–845, and S.J. Res. 20. Page S3914

Budget Process Reform: Senate began consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S3896–S3908

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Pages S3896–S3908

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. Pages S3896–S3908

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 254 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, April 22, 1999. Page S3908

Education Flexibility Partnership Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S3965

Appointment:

National Council on the Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of Senator DeWine to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts. Page S3965

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report on Federal climate change expenditures; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations (PM–19). Page S3913

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Almaguer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

John R. Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Donald W. Keyser, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

21 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 21, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3965.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Delores Etter, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Defense; Paul J. Hooper, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition; H. Lee Buchanan III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Frank L. Fernandez, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

CONSERVATION/RESOURCES/PUBLIC LAND AND RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas, receiving testimony from Mayor Victor Ashe, Knoxville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Conference of Mayors; Terrell Davis, Denver Broncos, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Pop-Warner Little Scholars and Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association; Bernadette Castro, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Albany; Dianne A. Curry, Dallas Park and Recreation Board, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Recreation and Park Association; Hank Steinbrecher, United States Soccer, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the U.S.

Soccer Federation and the U.S. Soccer Foundation; Chuck Cushman, American Land Rights Association, Battle Ground, Washington; Alan Front, Trust for Public Land, San Francisco, California; Bruce Vincent, People for the USA, Libby, Montana, on behalf of the Alliance for America; Theodore R. Roosevelt, IV, Lehman Brothers, New York, New York; Jane Hague, Metropolitan King County Council, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Robert J. Smith, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Judith E. Bittner, Alaska State Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 27.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings on the United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, receiving testimony from James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense; William Schneider, Jr., former Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology; and James R. Lilley, former U.S. Ambassador to China.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

WAR IN KOSOVO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on issues relating to the war in Kosovo, focusing on United States and NATO policy, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stephen H. Glickman and Eric T. Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Hiram E. Puig Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees, who were introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FLAG PROTECTION AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Parker, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, USA (Ret.), Sumner, Washington, on behalf of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc.; Gary E. May, University of